



E-bulletin Friday 06-03-2015

Important upcoming dates and events

Monday 9 March 2015 – UAPA coffee morning

9:00am – 10:15am. All parents are invited to attend the UCL Academy Parent Association (UAPA) coffee morning. Email parents.association@uclacademy.co.uk for more information about the morning or the UAPA in general. N.B This has been rescheduled from Friday 6 March 2015.

Monday 16 – Friday 20 March - STEM Week

The UCL Academy has Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering (STEM) at the heart of its curriculum and we are celebrating STEM week at the Academy with a fun packed series of events for both our own students and offering opportunities more widely to local secondary and primary schools. This will all come together on Friday 20th March when students will have the knowledge to appreciate fully the solar eclipse.

Tuesday 17 March 2015 – Foundation Level Parent Consultation Evening

Letter has been sent out. Bookings are to be made online at <https://uclacademy.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>. This link is also available on the Important Notice of the UCL Academy homepage.

Thursday 19 March 2015 – Founders Day

We are looking forward to celebrating our second Founders day. Please be aware that the celebrations will result in changes to the Academy day. **1pm finish for Foundation, Level 1/1+ and 1:45pm finish for Level 3/3+**. Packed lunch for Free School Meals will be provided.

Wednesday 25 March 2015 – UCL Mentor meet-up

Students will meet with their UCL mentors during the Academy day.

Thursday 26 March 2015 – Staff Planning Day

Academy closed to all students on this day.

Wednesday 1 April 2015 – Spring Classical Music Recital

Details TBC. UAPA social evening to follow afterwards

Thursday 2 April 2015 – LAST DAY OF TERM

The Academy will close to all students at 12:15pm.

Senior Leadership Team drop in dates for Parents and Guardians – 16:30-18:30

Monday 27 April 2015

Monday 11 May 2015

Monday 1 June 2015

Monday 6 July 2015

Early finishes:

Tuesday 17 March 2015: 2:30pm finish for Fn/L 1/L1+

3:30pm finish for L3/L3+

Thursday 19 March 2015: 1pm finish for Fn, L1/1+

1:45pm finish for Level 3/3+

Thursday 2 April 2015: 12:15pm finish for all students

Late starts:

Please see future E-bulletins for upcoming late starts to the Academy day

Staff Planning Days:

Academy is closed to students on the following dates:

Thursday 26 March 2015

Monday 18 May 2015

Friday 10 July 2015

Important Notices

Mr D Molloy - Assistant Principal

GCSE update

We are working hard to ensure students all get as many first choice GCSE options as possible. All the selections have been allocated and are being scrutinised by the Senior Leadership Team and Curriculum Leaders at the school. We aim to develop a suitable option combination to ensure your child is successful. We are also aware that nationally, there is a drop in the performance of students for subjects they will not be continuing. However, this is something we are very keen to avoid. They will receive their final options shortly after half term. The majority of secondary schools in the country are having their options evenings now. We are aiming to start some of the GCSE options next term.

Young Songwriter 2015 competition for musical 7-18 year olds

[Click the link here for more information.](#) This competition closes on 6th April. Up to 3 songs may be entered. All lyrics and music must be the entrant's own original work. Audio recordings don't need to be professionally recorded as they will be judged on their originality, lyrics, melody, composition and potential to be a smash hit! Written feedback from an industry expert is available. Entry process: Step 1 Submit an entry form, Step 2 Upload/record your song with our app Step 3 Pay if you'd like feedback from an industry expert on your song.

Winners will have half a day at Sony ATV's recording studio in London with one of their brilliant producers. Plus a professional photo-shoot with the brilliant 'Headshot Guy' a Farida guitar and £50 worth of Tinc goodies! Winners & finalists will perform at our Young Songwriter 2015 showcase at Westfield London on Sunday 21st June. Plus one of the winners will perform at the Wembley Arena in the 'Voice in a Million' show in March 2016 to a packed arena!

Lunchtime

In order to deal more effectively with students who are forgetting their cards or not putting money onto their cards, we will no longer be providing a full meal deal for students. Instead they will be offered a sandwich for £1.00, there is always water available. We will then recoup the money direct with parents and students.

Students who qualify for Free School Meals will only be able to use their cards at lunchtime. If children wish to have something to eat from the canteen at break, they will need to put money onto their cards.

THESE CHANGES HAVE TAKEN EFFECT FROM MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2015.

Remember that you can top up on the parent pay website – www.parentpay.com

Cash machines by House Canteens – please be reminded that the machines only take 10p coins and above. They do not take 1p, 2p and 5p coins.

News and other information

Sports Report - Netball

Foundation squad played two games - two wins

2-1 v Haverstock

2-0 v Parliament Hill

Outstanding performances by captain Riana Rracaj, Jessie Wernick and Hana Ejupi who scored the points.

Level 1 squad played three games - two wins and a draw

0-0 v Parliament Hill

4-0 v Hampstead

2-1 v Camden School for Girls

Outstanding performance by Taybah Loghdey who scored all 6 points.

Are you brave enough to eat an insect?

Well, Level 1+ Geography students certainly were!

As part of their Real Project in L1+ Geography "How on earth should we feed 2 billion more people by 2050?", students are learning about future sources of food. This is because any insects provide as much protein pound-for-pound as beef, with far less CO2 produced, water consumed and land required. So scientists predict they will increasingly be a part of our diets in the future.

To make their learning as interesting and real as possible, students took part in a Bush Tucker Trial to see what Grasshoppers, Crickets and Worms taste like. Well done to all the brave students and staff that took part!

[Check out some of the pictures by clicking this link.](#)

World Book Day – Staff Dress Up for Book Bus Charity

Teachers and support staff at the Academy dressed up as their favourite book characters to raise money for the Book Bus charity (see www.thebookbus.org for more details) in the annual event, World Book Day 2015.

[Click this link to see some of the outstanding costumes!](#)

Notice from the London West Alliance – Get into Teaching

Have you seen the video on TV of Mr Burton?

Part of the government's Get into Teaching advertising campaign, features Matthew Burton from *Educating Yorkshire* spelling out the reasons why people should consider teaching.

He points out that teachers "make the CEOs, nurses, scientists and engineers" of tomorrow,

When he says "Make young people achieve more than they could ever believe they could achieve", do you remember seeing Mr Burton's attempts to help one of his students, Musharaf Asghar, overcome his debilitating stammer? Would you also like to help all pupils achieve their best?

Your future

If you're thinking of becoming a teacher, our school-led training course gives you the chance to learn 'on the job'. You'll learn from experienced, practising colleagues and you can get paid or a bursary while you train with us.

As Mr Burton says

"If you're wondering what else they make, it's probably more than you think."

New teachers can typically earn between £22,000 and £27,000 a year, while "great" teachers can earn up to £65,000 a year.

Our Future

London West Alliance comprises 35+ schools from Infant to Secondary.

We're focused on producing outstanding teachers who will be committed to the achievement of all our pupils in all our schools.

Our schools are stimulating and diverse environments in which to train - where children, staff and our trainee teachers feel valued and supported.

Contact getintoteaching@lampton.org.uk

Social Media

We share our day to day activities and news on Twitter so please follow us @UCL_Academy

For those who do not Facebook and Twitter you can still view all of the content through our NEW [SOCIAL MEDIA WALL](#) – click link. Link also on the website home page.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/UCL_Academy

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/theuclacademy> where our news and photos are also published.

Trips

Royal Society Trip: Tuesday 10 March 2015

Big Bang Fair Trip: Friday 13 March 2015

GCSE Astronomy Visit to Parliament: Tuesday 17 March 2015

Spanish Language Tour: 26 – 29 March 2015

Upcoming Sports dates

Camden Shield Matches

see www.camdenshield.com for more information including upcoming fixtures

2014/2015 term dates

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September – Thursday 18 December 2014

Half term Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2014

Spring term

Tuesday 6 January - Thursday 2 April 2015

Half term Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2015

Summer term

Monday 20 April - Friday 17 July 2015

Half term Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2015

Term and Holiday 2015/16 *

Autumn term 2015

Tuesday 1 September to Friday 18 December 2015*

Half-term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2015

Christmas break: Monday 21 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016

Spring term 2016

Monday 4 January to Thursday 24 March 2016

Half-term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2016

Easter / spring holiday: Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April 2016

Summer term 2016

Monday 11 April to Wednesday 20 July 2016

Spring Bank Holiday: 2 May 2016

Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2016

*Subject to change; staff planning days to be added at a later date